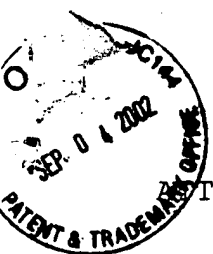


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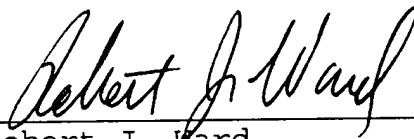
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month period to respond. As such, the two-month time to respond was May 28, 2002. If this petition for a three-month extension of time is granted, the response will be due on August 28, 2002.

Attached is a check in the amount of \$460 for payment of the small entity

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